Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, March 26 and March 27, 2004, celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Sioux Falls YMCA Boys' Tri-State Basketball Tournament; and,

Whereas, The Sioux Falls YMCA and Boys' Tri-State Basketball Tournament have created and sustained the spirit of Christian Fellowship and Athletic Sportsmanship, and has manifested itself into the largest such basketball adventure in the nation; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota takes pause to acknowledge and acclaim the first tournament in 1930 which had six teams, 121 participants from two states, and the continued growth of the tournament, which now encompasses 304 teams with 3,000 participants from five states; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota salutes the high school players from Plankinton and Sioux Falls who will play a 1930-style basketball game memorializing the first tournament game ever played in 1930; and,

Whereas, The tournament has provided an opportunity for a multitude of young athletes to test their athletic skills, hearts, and minds in competition, which serves to expand their personal world; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota gratefully acknowledges and applauds the thousands of men and women within the community who, in giving of their time, have made a commitment to support the Boys' Tri-State Basketball Tournament vision and success, and have become a part of the essence and strength of a noble community event:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 26 and 27, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I send a rousing acknowledgement to 75 glorious years of excitement, good concern, and extensive growth in the Spirit of Athletic Sportsmanship and Christian Fellowship, which the tournament provides.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State